



Bristol Bay Area Subsistence Fishing

The Bristol Bay Area includes all waters of Bristol Bay, including drainages enclosed by a line from Cape Newenham to Cape Menshikof. These regulations apply on waters within or adjacent to the Togiak National Wildlife Refuge, Becharof National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge, Alagnak Wild River corridor, Katmai National Preserve (but not Park), and Lake Clark National Park and Preserve. General domain lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management are open to fishing only on non-navigable waters. [See map 7 on previous page.]

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Bristol Bay Area

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for contact information.

Species / Customary and Traditional Use Determinations	Harvest Limits	Open Season
Nushagak District (including drainages flowing into the district)		
Rainbow Trout		
• Residents of the Nushagak District and freshwater drainages flowing into the district.	2/day; 2 in possession 5/day; 5 in possession	April 10–October 31 November 1–April 9
Salmon and other freshwater fish — Subsistence fishing permit required for salmon.		
• Residents of the Nushagak District and freshwater drainages flowing into the district.	No limit	Year round
Naknek-Kvichak District (Naknek River drainage)		
Rainbow Trout		
• Residents of the Naknek and Kvichak River drainages.	2/day; 2 in possession 5/day; 5 in possession	April 10–October 31 November 1–April 9
Salmon and other freshwater fish — Subsistence fishing permit required for salmon.		
• Residents of the Naknek and Kvichak River drainages.	No limit	Year round
Naknek-Kvichak District (Kvichak/Iliamna-Lake Clark drainage)		
Rainbow Trout.		
• Residents of the Kvichak/Iliamna-Lake Clark drainage.	2/day; 2 in possession 5/day; 5 in possession	April 10–October 31 November 1–April 9
Salmon and other freshwater fish — Subsistence fishing permit required for salmon.		
• Residents of the Kvichak/Iliamna-Lake Clark drainage.	No limit	Year round. Except in the Tazimina River and within ¼ mile of the terminus of those waters, subsistence nets are only allowed June 15–August 31.
Egegik District (including drainages flowing into the district)		
Salmon — Subsistence fishing permit required.		
—Egegik River • Residents of the Egegik District and freshwater drainages flowing into the district and the community of South Naknek.	No limit	Year round except June 23–July 17, you may take salmon between 9:00 a.m. Tuesdays to 9:00 a.m. Wednesdays and 9:00 a.m. Saturdays to 9:00 a.m. Sundays.

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Egegik District (including drainages flowing into the district)		
SALMON continued		
— Remainder • Residents of the Egegik District and freshwater drainages flowing into the district and the community of South Naknek.	No limit	Year round
Rainbow Trout		
• Residents of the Egegik District and freshwater drainages flowing into the district and the community of South Naknek.	2/day; 2 in possession 5/day; 5 in possession	April 10–October 31 November 1–April 9
All other freshwater fish		
• Residents of the Egegik District and freshwater drainages flowing into the district and the community of South Naknek.	No limit	Year round
Ugashik District (including drainages flowing into the district)		
Rainbow Trout		
• Residents of the Ugashik District and freshwater drainages flowing into the district.	2/day; 2 in possession 5/day; 5 in possession	April 10–October 31 November 1–April 9
Salmon and other freshwater fish — Subsistence fishing permit required for salmon.		
• Residents of the Ugashik District and freshwater drainages flowing into the district.	No limit	Year round
Togiak District (including drainages flowing into the district)		
Rainbow Trout		
• Residents of the Togiak District, freshwater drainages flowing into the district, and the community of Manokotak.	2/day; 2 in possession 5/day; 5 in possession	April 10–October 31 November 1–April 9
Salmon and other freshwater fish — Subsistence fishing permit required for salmon.		
• Residents of the Togiak District, freshwater drainages flowing into the district, and the community of Manokotak.	No limit	Year round except for salmon in Kulukak Bay. From May 1–May 31 and October 1–October 31, you may subsistence fish for salmon only from 9:00 a.m. Monday until 9:00 a.m. Friday. From June 1 through September 30, within the waters of a commercial salmon district, you may take salmon only during State open commercial salmon fishing periods. During open State commercial salmon fishing periods, you may not operate or assist in operating subsistence salmon net gear.
Herring Spawn on Kelp		
• Residents of the Togiak District and the freshwater drainages flowing into the district.	No limit	Year round
Remainder of the Bristol Bay Area		
Rainbow Trout		
• Residents of the Bristol Bay Area.	2/day; 2 in possession 5/day; 5 in possession	April 10–October 31 November 1–April 9

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Remainder of the Bristol Bay Area - continued		
All other fish — Subsistence fishing permit required for salmon.		
• Residents of the Bristol Bay Area.	No limit	Year round

Special Provisions

- You may not take fish from waters within 300 feet of a stream mouth used by salmon.
- Customary Trade—The total cash value per household of salmon taken within Federal jurisdiction and exchanged in customary trade to rural residents may not exceed \$500 annually. The total cash value per household of salmon exchanged between rural residents and nonrural individuals may not exceed \$400 annually and must be recorded on a customary trade record-keeping form.

Subsistence Fishing Permit Requirements

- You may take fish (except salmon) at any time without a subsistence fishing permit, unless specified by emergency action.
- In the Togiak River Section and Togiak River drainage, you may not possess coho salmon taken under the authority of a subsistence fishing permit unless both lobes of the caudal fin (tail) or the dorsal fin have been removed. (See Fin Identification, page 19).
- Only one subsistence fishing permit for salmon may be issued to each household per year. Additional restrictions may be included on the permit.
- Salmon permits will continue to be issued by ADF&G. For further information on how to obtain a Federal household permit for the customary trade record keeping form, contact the King Salmon office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at (907) 246-3442.

Regulations

Within any district, you may take salmon, herring, and capelin only by gillnets. Outside district boundaries you may take salmon only by set gillnet (see gillnet restrictions), except that you may take salmon by spear in the Togiak River, excluding its tributaries.

You may take rainbow trout only by rod and reel or jigging gear. If you take rainbow trout incidentally in other subsistence net fisheries, or through the ice, you may retain them for subsistence purposes.

Gillnet Restriction

The maximum lengths of set gillnets to take salmon are:

- 25 fathoms, except for the Egegik River
- 10 fathoms in the Egegik River

The maximum length of gillnets to take herring or capelin (during closed State commercial herring fishing periods) is 25 fathoms.

You may not set or operate any part of a set gillnet within 300 feet of any part of another set gillnet. You must stake and buoy each set gillnet. To identify gillnets, include your first initial, last name, and subsistence permit number. This may be inscribed clearly on a sign at (or near) the set gillnet, instead of having the information on attached kegs or buoys.

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